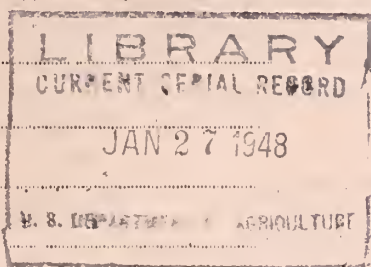


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EMPLOYEES NEWS BULLETIN

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WELFARE ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONORS IN DECEMBER

In response to an urgent appeal from the Bethesda Naval Hospital, via the Red Cross, and passed along by our own Health Service, fifteen USDA employees volunteered to give blood donations last month. Four of the donors were from Forest Service, two from PMA, and nine from REA. It is said to be more blessed to give than to receive but one has to be on the receiving end of a blood transfusion to realize fully what a wonderful gift it is. Those who came forward from PMA were Florence Keimer and Walter Kinsbury. From Forest Service came Elaine Gainsburg, Kenneth R. Powell, Eleanor Schreier, W. C. Branch, and from REA were Arthur Koert, Allyn Walters, Clate Cox, Ed Todryk, Al Garber, Rebecca Hart, Virginia Davis, Minette Salzman and J. Howard White.

DID YOU SEE IT?

1. The new MAIL BOX for your personal mail installed this month in front of the Administration building? We were told that its collection hours are 7 a.m., and 1:30, 4:55, 7:00 and 9:30 p. m.
2. The New PMA exhibit in the PATIO?
3. Secretary's Anderson's picture in the Friday Jan. 9 and Sat. Jan. 10 papers. Being the first person in USDA to participate in the D. C. Area Chest X-Ray survey. An X-Ray machine has been installed in the South Building, Basement, Room 0008, and employees in our nearby buildings will have appointments for X-Ray pictures before the end of January. Then the Machine will be moved to Beltsville to survey employees in that area.

AGRICULTURE STAMP HOBBYISTS turned out in the largest numbers since the clubs recent formation. On Thursday evening, Jan. 8, when they met at Week's Stamp Shop at 1229 New York Avenue, N. W. A door prize of a mint set of 13 U.S. Flag stamps was won by Miss Arletta L. Gilbert of PMA Fiscal Branch. The Stamp Club meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Next meeting on Feb. 5. Call August Schinmack, Club Secretary, Ext. 2386 for details.

RIDE OR POTATOR WANTED:

Mrs. L. Griffith, X2131, 2000 Hanover St. Silver Spring, Md.
Florence Hamilton, X5143, Glenbrook Rd. Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, Md.

POTATORS WANTED:

Mr. W. R. Charline, X3648, 3802 Albemarle St. NW
Mr. E. S. Kimball, X2121, Russell Road & Spring St. Arlington, Virginia.

8mm-16mm MOVIE MARKERS CLUB proposed in last months EMB met with an enthusiastic response from seventeen home movie hobbyists and more names are being sent in every day now. A get-acquainted luncheon meeting has been suggested and will probably be held within the next 10 days. In the meantime if you are interested in Movie Making and in meeting others with the same interest, send your name, room no. and ext. to Charles H. Cunningham, Welfare Association, Employee Activities, Room 0008 South Building, Extension 5611.

"HAM" RADIO CLUB still has room for a few more members. Call Joe Farmer, REA Extension 3161.

NOT BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL—JUST 0008 & 0010

Temporarily at least the employees activities program has a headquarters. Room 0010 and 0008 have been assigned to us in the South Building. To find us you will probably want to take the 3rd wing elevator to the basement and then instead of going through the tunnel to the Adm. Bldg. take a few steps down the hall toward the 2nd wing to 0008. Employees Activities, including the Volunteer Red Cross Unit - Mrs. Havey, and Mr. Charles H. Cunningham. (Our neighbor in 0016 is Mr. W. J. Cunningham, the PBA Bldg. Supt. and a good man to know too.) Incidentally, you will probably be coming down to see us this month (unless you are stationed in Beltsville) because 0008 is the room that will be used for the chest x-ray survey to which you will be invited to participate sometime before the end of January.

SANTA CLAUS ON VACATION Now that Christmas has subsided for another year it is time to pause and review what happened and to make a few notes on how to do it better next time. The Santa Claus suits provided by the Welfare Assn. were used at least a dozen times. The P.A. systems were used 15 times or more and the pianos were used somewhere between 12 and 20 times. So many parties were scheduled for Friday, Dec. 17 and Thurs. p.m. Dec. 23, that we could have used lots more equipment at these popular hours. One thing we hope to do as soon as possible is to have all our heavy equipment, pianos, PA system, etc. mounted on easy rolling wheels. A lot of time and energy will be saved, as well as a lot of wear and tear on equipment when this is done.

USDA VOLUNTEER RED CROSS UNIT wishes to thank all of you who responded so generously for the "CHRISTMAS FOR VETERANS IN NEARBY HOSPITALS". Your donation raised the total to \$2,029.82.

ANOTHER BEGINNERS BRIDGE COURSE WILL START

On Tuesday night, Feb. 3rd at 6:30 in the 4th Wing Cafeteria; same expert instructor, Mr. Chas. A. Lyons, same bargain prices, 10 lessons, one a week, for \$5.00; class limited to 60 students to permit personalized instruction. Register now at the Employee Activities Office, Room 0008 South Bldg., basement, between 2nd and 3rd Wings near the tunnel at the Ind. Avenue side. Your \$5 in advance assures you a seat in the class. Phone 6229 or 5611 for further information.

SQUARE DANCE INSTRUCTION COURSE begins on Jan. 21 at 6:30; Wed. eve. for 10 weekly lessons - and a party - 4th Wing cafeteria 6th floor, South Bldg; \$5.00 for the series and \$1.00 for couples - and they don't have to be married couples either. Principal instructor will be Bernie Frank of FS and there will also be several guest callers. This course is limited to 50 people so act quickly or time sets will be all filled up. Call 6229 or 5611 to register or drop in and see us at 0008 South (behind the '8' ball).

OR WOULD YOU RATHER NIBA. Then the Monday eve. 6:30 SOCIAL DANCING CLUB is your best chance to brush up on all the best ballroom steps. The first session of the Club's dancing course opened on Monday eve. Jan. 5 on the stage of the Jefferson Auditorium (it makes a fine ballroom floor too). The class quota of girls is filled but there is still room for 3 or 4 more men or maybe two more couples. See Miss DeFelice in Room 341 NW to register or call her on Extension 5748.

WE HEARD YOU SINGING AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

It sounded mighty fine. Several people including Bob Powers of REA want to know why we don't get started with a new SINGING ORGANIZATION of Agriculture employees? So here is a small shout about it to see if you will send back an echo! There is a real need for a large group that can sing popular, patriotic, and semi-classical arrangements. If this prospect sounds pleasing to you then lets hear that echo; the next note from this office will probably be the start of an "assembly" call. Phone BOB POWERS, Ext. 6448; JEAN VLAHOS, BAE, Ext. 5614 or CHAS. H. CUNNINGHAM Welfare Association, Ext. 5611.

HAS YOUR HAND LOST ITS SKILL? There is a lot of prideful satisfaction and wholesome relaxation to be had, if you can get it, these days in doing things creatively with your hands; WOODWORKING, LEATHERCRAFT, GLASS, WEAVING, etc., pay us big dividends in mental 'health' (fun we mean) and the pleasure is repeated whenever we use or see our selfmade craft products. Anyone know of a hobbyist who would like to teach leathercraft to a group of beginners? We think we can locate a WOODWORKING shop if a small group can be formed to share the cost of using it on one or two evenings a week. Things do come to USUAL WHO ASK. Send us a note Room 0008 or Ext. 5611.

ART INSTRUCTION for small groups available at the studio of a well known Washington artist. Sketching, oil and watercolor painting, etc., We have just heard that many members of the Dept. of State Recreation Assn. have been enjoying these courses with a special group price arrangement. If you are interested, we can have the same prices extended to USDA employees. Class can be arranged most any evening of the week for an introductory course of 10 lessons. For details call Extension 5611.

LETTER FROM QUANTICO, U.S. Naval Hospital

December 26, 1947.

Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen: We cannot begin to tell you how appreciative the men here at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Quantico, were of the lovely presents made possible by you through the District Chapter of the Red Cross. As a result of your kindness and consideration the patients managed to have a very Happy Christmas. On behalf of them and the hospital staff we send our most sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,
(Sgd.) Anne Harcourt
Head, Recreation Workers.

LECTURES ON AGRICULTURE DEPT. PROGRAMS

Jefferson Auditorium 4:30 to 5:30 Jan. 26
Chas. F. Brannan, Asst. Secy. on Long Range Agricultural Policy.

W. W. Lambert, Feb. 9, New Research Developments.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS USDA and the International Situation. Jefferson Auditorium 2:00 to 3:15, Jan. 14, 21 and 28.

Nutritional Problems, Transportation Problems; Interim Aid Program, Marshall Plan Countries, etc.

NEW LUNCHEON CONFERENCE ROOM AVAILABLE

Room 6970 - between 6th & 7th Wings on the south side of the South Building has been fitted with chairs and tables to accomodate up to 30 people for official luncheons. When not needed for official luncheons it is available for unofficial groups too. Both room 6970 and room 6962 adjoining it have been assigned to the Training Division of the Office of Personnel. Luncheons held in 6970 must begin promptly at 11:45 a.m., and groups using the room must provide their own service to pour coffee, serve dessert, and collect the luncheon fee from their members. For further information or room reservation call Miss Charline Lynch on Extension 3193.

RIDES WANTED

Mrs. J. Soule, X6381, 310 Tulip Ave. Tk. Pk. Md.
Miss C. Hodge, X6260, 237 Farragut St. N.W.
Mr. L. S. Mathis X5526, Eastern Ave. & Kenil.
Mrs. R. Singer, X2820, 1367 Underwood St. N.W.
Miss J. Hoyt, X2842, 2733 Woodley Place, N.W.
Anne Otte, X2922, 5040 N.H. Ave. N.W.
Harry Penke, X2922, 7617 12th St. N.W.
Beverly Smith, X6240, 17th & Columbia Rd. NW
Miss C. L. Coyner, X5069, Ga. & Whittier St. NW
Ester Temin, X5631, 6817 Ga. Ave. N.W.
Mr. J. B. Bain, X5685, Alaska & Geranium, N.W.
Mrs. Ethel Hoyer, X6229, 21st & H Sts. N.W.
Mrs. Naomi Wright, X6388, Arcola Rd. vicinity
John Haje, Z5769, Jefferson Manor, Alex. Va.
Margaretta Hall, X2755, 714 Erie; Tk. Pk. Md.